

## BETTS DIDN'T BEAT IT WITH FIGHT MONEY

Promoting Kid Explains  
Wild Goose Chase of  
500 Sports.

SHERIFFS GOT HIM.

Would Not Let Him Get to  
Battle-Ground, Hustling  
Him Back to City.

HE GOT NO COIN.

Crowd Journeying to Orangeburg  
to See Mill Had Some Queer  
Experiences.

Kid Betts, the east side youth, is around town to-day explaining his end in the promoting of the Willie Schumacher-Kid Murphy fight, that didn't come off. Betts has been held responsible for the wild goose chase of 500 sports, who tramped all night through Jersey mid to see the mill. He also has been charged with disappearing in the darkness of the night with the fighters' bank roll of about \$700.

"These statements are all off color," said Betts, over The Evening World telephone. "I didn't get away with any money; instead, I am \$150 to the bad on the deal."

"It all happened this way. You see I am up in Orangeburg all day long, with Vincent Vicario, the promoter. We fix up the ring and get everything in order. Then we take the 5 o'clock train back to New York. The rest of the promoters hold a meeting and we decide to go over to the depot where the special train is. We get on the train. One fellow, he sells the railroad tickets, and another fellow, he sells the fight tickets. We get above \$25.00 out of this and the train starts. We help pay for the special out of the money we collect."

"On the train two fellows comes up to me and says, 'Nothing doing on this fight to-night, Kid.'"

"I says 'Nix' on that. It has to come off. It's too late to call it off now."

"They says it won't and we'll see that it won't. Well anyhow, when we reached the Orangeburg station these two fellows—oh say, they were special deputy sheriffs—grabs me and pulls me into a dark corner and wouldn't let me go. They held me till the next New York train comes along and takes me back to Weehawken, and then lets me go."

Vicario Also Hustled Away.

"The same thing happened to Vicario, the other promoter. He was hustled out of the way, too, and his dress suit case containing the boxing gloves, towels and the rest of the stuff was pinched, too."

"I didn't handle only a few tickets myself—about \$48 worth. Schumacher's manager had 200 \$2 tickets and Murphy had 100, so you see they had the money. Besides this coin there is \$300 posted as forfeit with the Police Gazette, so you see what a swell chance I had to beat it with 700 bucks."

"And, say, your paper says I just came out of jail and that I was mixed up in a charge made by some women. There ain't no truth in that. I was away for about twenty-three days on a charge of vagrancy. It was only one of them technical things."

The fight was arranged by a young Italian named Vicario, who conducts a barber shop in town. Vicario sold the tickets with the help of George (Kid) Betts, an enterprising youth of the east side who recently completed a term in prison for an offense in which women were the complainants.

Vicario and his confederate, Betts, sold the tickets and conducted the "sports" to Orangeburg, four miles south of Nyack, in a special train of eleven cars, which pulled out of the West Shore depot in Weehawken at 9 o'clock last night and arrived there forty minutes later. As soon as the train pulled into the station Betts began to yell: "This way for the fight!"

That was the last seen or heard of Betts, for as soon as he got a chance he suddenly disappeared with about \$700 which had been turned over to him by Promoter Vicario for tickets.

The fight was to have been fought, it was announced, between Willie Schumacher and Kid Murphy for the bantam-weight championship of the world.

During the excitement nobody thought of Betts, and the only thing that bothered the sports was which way to go to the battle-ground. As no one seemed to know and the place was in complete darkness except for a few small lamps in the station, a youngster who lives over the place finally offered to show them the way. The lad went down a dark road with five hundred sporting men behind him.

Despite these disagreeable conditions, the game sports made no kick and ploughed their way through the heavy going. After a walk of a mile over the dark and desolate road they arrived at the battle-ground, entering a small cafe in the basement of a frame building. As soon as the crowd got inside a thick-set, square-jawed man rushed over to the pool table, and pulling out a place of oilcloth, spread it over the table. It was one of those "even, over and under seven" layouts, and in a minute the tough young man got busy and began to yell "Come, fellows, give us a bet."

The sports, in the mean time, were anxious to know where the fight was to be held and were escorted into another dark and under seven layout, and in a minute the tough young man got busy and began to yell "Come, fellows, give us a bet."

The ring was pitched in the center of the building with bare boards for a floor. A cheer vote was fastened to the four posts. In a few minutes every

## M'NUTT GETS HIS'N FOR BUNCO AT LAST

Famous Sure-Thing Veteran  
Caught With the Goods  
and Is Convicted.

For a good many years William Hitch McNutt had been looking for his'n. To-day he got it. A Jury in Part IV. of General Sessions found the famous old veteran of the sure-thing fraternity guilty of grand larceny. Judge Foster remanded him to the Tombs until tomorrow, when sentence will be pronounced.

William Hitch McNutt owns to fifty-one years, but he doesn't look it. His tall slender figure and iron gray hair have been familiar around Forty-second street and Broadway ever since the snooker fishing became noticeably good in that vicinity. Also he has long been recognized as a zealous member of the under world who fatten upon easy marks on the shady side of Wall and adjacent streets.

The specific offense for which he was convicted was the swindling of John Whitt, a saloon-keeper at One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street and Lenox avenue, out of \$5,000. McNutt worked a modified form of Larry Summerfield's masterpiece, the "sick engineer game" on Whitt. The saloon-keeper was induced to buy ten thousand shares of a purely imaginary concern called the "Hanso Gold Mining Company" for 25 cents a share on the distinct understanding that he would resell them at a price slightly above par. When he got the money McNutt faded away as a ghost-like manner, leaving Whitt with a trunk full of worthless paper.

His late operating place, the Saranac, formerly the Rosemont, was probably not far from him again for several years.

Report was within the building and those who were unable to secure seats climbed up on the rafters. The crowd, was orderly and, while waiting for the principals, laughed and joked, and, in order to keep warm, began to take drinks out of tanks of whiskey. After a half hour the principals, Schumacher and Murphy, entered the ring in their street clothes.

"There is nothing doing, fellows!" yelled out one of the throng. The crowd waited patiently to get some information, and Joe Falvey, the announcer, walking to the ropes, said: "Gentlemen, the fight has been postponed with the money which these boys were to fight for; but as their managers have some of the money which they got for selling tickets, they are willing to let the boys fight for that sum, providing \$5 more is added to Murphy's share of the purse."

A hat was then passed around among the spectators, and in less than five minutes the necessary amount was secured.

In a mean time the crowd waited patiently for the fighters to return. After a delay of fifteen minutes a young man entered the building and announced: "Schumacher weighed 166 pounds and Murphy 167."

Thinking this to be true, the sports gave cheers for the fighters. As the boys were long in getting back to the ring one sport went out to learn what delayed them. Just at this moment Johnny Torrio, manager of Murphy, climbed into the ring and, after order had been restored, said:

"As there was no scales in the cafe, Schumacher refused to box and the fight is off."

The crowd immediately made a rush for the door and into the cafe, where they grabbed pool balls from the tables, pulled down pictures from the wall and carried off two American flags which they wanted as souvenirs.

Joe Falvey has \$20 of the \$30 collected at the ring. The other \$10 has been returned to the contributors who made a "bottle" for their money when they heard it would be donated to charity. Falvey doesn't know what to do with it. He will probably find some charitable cause to which to give the money.

## CURES WORST CASES OF CATARRH

Leading Druggists Sell Hyomei Under Guarantee that It Costs Nothing Unless It Cures.

Not until Hyomei was discovered had it been possible to say truthfully that a remedy for catarrh was known.

Hyomei cures the worst cases of catarrh simply by breathing the remedy through the pocket inhaler that comes with every outfit. Using the treatment in this way for a few minutes four times a day, every particle of air taken in the air passages and lungs is laden with germ-killing and blood-giving Hyomei.

Stomach drugging and other causes disorder digestion, and never makes a permanent cure of catarrh. Hyomei not only kills the germs in the throat and nose, but penetrates to the minutest air cells in the lungs and enters the blood with the oxygen, killing the catarrhal germs in the blood.

The complete Hyomei outfit, consisting of a vest-pocket inhaler and medicine dropper, and a bottle of Hyomei, costs only \$1. If this does not effect a complete cure, extra bottles can be obtained for 50 cents.

Hopman & Co., No. 200 Broadway, and all branches and Riker's Drug Stores, New York and Brooklyn know of many people who have been cured of catarrh by Hyomei. They believe in it so thoroughly themselves that they offer to refund the money in case it does not cure.

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## ACTRESS WARD WAS LONDON SUICIDE.

Mystery Cleared of Woman Who  
Killed Herself After Tangled  
Marital Career.

Despatches from London to-day say that the woman who killed herself in the Primrose district on March 15 has been identified by her sister, Mrs. Gertrude Wood, wife of Harvey Wood, an American speculator, as his sister. Her name was Ward and she had been married to Nathaniel Ward, proprietor of a billiard parlor in Brooklyn.

The couple were divorced and afterward she married J. P. Cushing. That was in 1894. She was formerly connected with the theatrical company of Donnelly & Girard. Cushing was head of the firm of J. P. Cushing & Co., manufacturers of electrical goods, Knapp street, Boston.

About four years ago Cushing sold his business and left the city. He is thought to be in this city.

LIVERPOOL, March 28.—The Cunard Steamship Line to-day declared a dividend of 4 per cent, after providing fully for depreciation and placing \$250,000 in the reserve.

## Chain mesh bags, \$2.50

A GREAT purchase of German silver bags, which followers of fashion regard as a necessary adjunct to the smart costume, at less than half price. Main Floor.

550 of them for one day's sale, large size, soft chamois lining—French gray top, chain and a hook that fastens securely. Retailers can't go into the market and buy these bags for less than \$5, and they're exceedingly handsome and stylish. One of the best bargains ever offered in a hand \$2.50 bag, at.....

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We deem them good enough for a Bargain Friday special, and you know our best bargains are always reserved for Friday sales. Come in high class mixtures—light and dark weaves—Eton, pony coat or short box jacket style—lined with satin and adorned with the new circular skirts, \$14.75.

Panama suits, 19.75. In plain panamas—gray worsted or fancy mixtures—all the new short models—various styles of trimming effects, and beautiful colorings—coats are silk lined.

Rainproof coats, 9.75. Very handsome rain proof coats in tan, gun metal or olive—semi-fitted model—collarless—well tailored—one day.....9.75

Long coats at 15.00. 7-8 lengths, in all the fancy checks and stripes—exceptionally well tailored—patch pockets—collar and turn back cuffs of gray broadcloth—several models.

Remnants all silk rough shantungs 29c IN order to clear the remnants of our enormous stock of all-silk rough shantungs, we have HALVED and in many instances QUARTERED the original prices. Absolutely one of the most sensational sales of dependable silk remnants ever held in an American store. Friday, choice of all remnants of silk rough shantungs that sold for 59c up, at, per yard,

Four other great silk bargains scheduled for Friday. Into four other lots we have gathered a great variety of plain and colored taffetas, louisines, peau de cygnes, messalines, crepe de chine, jacquard, taffeta and louisine, checked and striped silks and evening silks of every description; also hundreds of lengths of all-black silks.

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UNDERSTAND at the outset that these are NOT \$11 suits, but exactly the same grade as clothiers will be selling this Spring for \$15 and \$18. If anything, BETTER, because, being SAMPLE suits, the makers naturally put their best efforts into them.

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Strictly fresh eggs. Not delivered. Dozen cartons.....10c

Huntley & Palmer's biscuits. 12c

Pancake flour. All 10c. Brands. Package.....7c

Main sugar corn. The Popular Brand Brand. 25c

## WOMAN HURT BY RUNAWAY HORSE.

Knocked Down in Sixth Avenue  
When Truck Seat Fell  
on Animal.

At Bellevue Hospital to-day it was said that Mrs. Catherine Meyer, of No. 604 Sixth avenue, who was injured by the runaway horse at Thirty-ninth street and Sixth avenue, was doing nicely. The heavy truck belonged to the Wal-

ton Theatrical Transfer Company, of No. 321 West Twenty-fourth street. The driver, John Spah, of No. 353 West Forty-second street, was trying to fix the high seat, which had broken loose from one of its side fastenings. He dropped the reins and turned partly around to give greater attention to the task, when the seat, fastenings and all fell upon the horse, five feet below, leaving the driver clinging to a station.

Policeman Samuel Christian, of the Tenderloin Station, asked the horse's driver, and with the assistance of several more policemen, quieted the animal, which was led to the stable in West Twenty-fourth street.

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